State Of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

April 10, 1983, was a cool 56 degrees, and the Big Sioux River was running high, cold and fast from the spring runoff--a good day for an exciting canoe trip. That's what Jack Bryan and his family were anticipating, but that canoe trip almost ended in tragedy when they got sideways in the current, hit a log, and overturned. Jack got his wife and three-year-old son ashore, but Jack's brother, Hodge, unable to swim, was left clinging to the canoe and calling for help as it drifted down the river.

Daniel Castle and three friends responded to Hodge's cries. Heedless of the danger posed by the cold, flooding river, Daniel jumped in and swam to Hodge's assistance. He reassured him and towed Hodge and the canoe to where his friends had formed a human chain into the river to pull them out. Then, while the other boys applied their first-aid training to the Bryans, Daniel ran to a nearby store to call the police and ambulance.

Daniel's immediate actions most certainly saved Hodge Bryan's life. Under the pressure of this life or death situation, he showed tremendous courage and physical stamina. Daniel's quick thinking and strong swimming ability proved to be the crucial difference in the mere seconds that separated life from death.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

DANIEL CASTLE

for his life-saving actions on that spring day, and I join Dan's family and friends in saluting his willingness to risk his own life in that emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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